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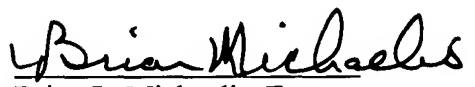
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- b. X Enclosed herewith is form PTO-1449.
- c. X Copies of cited references are enclosed.
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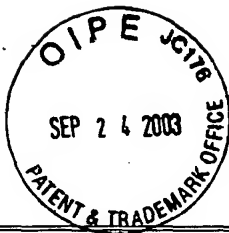
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